

# Identifying the Competencies in Existing Bioterrorism/Emergency Readiness Training Activities



Date: **August 17, 2005**

Location: **McNamara Alumni Center  
AI Johnson Room  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It is increasingly important to be able to identify competencies embedded in training. Because of the rapid development of training in the area of Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness (BT/ER) over the past several years, the need for identification of the competencies addressed in training was often not given priority until recently.

This free, one-day conference will share a systematic method developed in Minnesota to identify the Core and BT/ER competencies embedded in existing training and education programming. Based in a strong understanding of instructional design, the system provides a theoretically sound yet practical method for identification of cross-cutting competencies.

## INTENDED AUDIENCE

State and local public health agency staff with responsibilities for developing and/or implementing training plans.

## SPEAKER

**Mary Hoeppner, EdD, MS, RN**, has over twenty years experience in adult education. She holds a Master's degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Minnesota, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of St. Thomas. Mary has worked with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health to develop, implement and evaluate a wide range of training and education programs. In her current roles as Coordinator and Program Evaluator of the HRSA-supported Midwest Center for Life-Long-Learning in Public Health (MCLPH) and Program Evaluator for the CDC-supported University of Minnesota Center for Public Health Preparedness (UMNCPPH), she has developed needs assessment surveys, program evaluation instruments, and a competency mapping guide and system.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the program participants will be able to:

1. Describe the relationship between Core Public Health competencies and specialized competency sets;
2. Identify the level of educational difficulty targeted by the training based on language of the learning objectives;
3. Differentiate among teaching methods in terms of level of training targeted;
4. Correlate learning objectives to the level of training using the Council on Linkages definitions of Aware, Knowledgeable, and/or Proficient;
5. Describe the difference between competency and capacity;
6. Analyze the training using a set of competency indicators; and
7. Identify BT/ER cross-cutting competencies embedded in the training activities.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

(Note: All times are Central Daylight Time):

8:30-9:00am	Continental Breakfast and Sign-in
9:00-9:20am	Welcome/Housekeeping
9:20-10:20am	Studying the Mountain: Analyzing Learning Objectives
10: 20-10:40am	Break
10:40-11:10am	Picks, Axes, and Flashlights: Learning Methods and Level of Training
11:10am-12:10pm	Tricks of the Trade: Correlation to the Council on Linkages Level of Training, Competency, and Capacity
12:10-1:10pm	Buffet Lunch
1:10-1:40pm	Bug Club
1:40-2:40pm	Mining for Gold: Applying the System
2:40-3:00pm	Break
3:00-3:30pm	Mining for Gold: Applying the System(Continued)
3:30-3:45pm	Future Directions: Linking to Performance Measures
3:45-4:00pm	Q&A, Summary and Adjournment

## HOW TO REGISTER

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We have reserved a block of rooms at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome with a special rate of \$99 per night + tax for August 16 and 17. To receive this rate, registrations must be made by **Monday, July 25, 2005** and you must tell them you are here with the University of Minnesota Public Health Group.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Wednesday, August 17, 2005  
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